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### SECRETARY YEUTTER VISITS RIC

USDA Secretary Clayton Yeutter, former Secretary Bob Bergland, former Senator Mark Andrews (N.D.), Assistant Secretary, Science and Education, Charles Hess, Extension Administrator Myron Johnsrud, and Secretary Yeutter's Chief of Staff Gary Blumenthal, received updates on RIC's activities and online database demonstrations, including ROMS, RIC's Online Monitoring System, during their April visit.

### RIC STATE EXTENSION COORDINATORS MEET AT NAL

Thirty-one RIC State Coordinators or their designated representatives spent three intensive days at NAL, April 24-26, analyzing their charge and responsibilities.

Joseph Howard, NAL Director, opened the meeting by emphasizing that RIC is the ideal merger between extension and NAL staffs in that librarians know where information is stored and are trained to find it and the extension service has special subject expertise for interpreting information for the requester.

Extension Administrator Myron Johnsrud described RIC's brief evolution which began as a small effort implemented at the request of a former Secretary of Agriculture, funded by Extension and NAL in the fall of 1987, to its current position as a recognized part of President Bush's Rural Economic Development Initiative. RIC receives support from Congressional appropriations as well as other USDA agencies and federal cabinet level departments with rural programs.

### WHITE HOUSE ECONOMIC POLICY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT VISITS RIC

The Cabinet-level Working Group, chaired by Secretary Yeutter, received an overview of RIC activities and demonstrations of online database resources. Membership of the Working Group includes representatives of a dozen Executive Branch Departments and major agencies. The Working Group recommended the rural development strategy which President Bush

announced in January as his six rural economic development initiatives. The sixth initiative is to provide technical assistance and detailed information on Federal programs that service rural communities; USDA plans to accomplish this initiative by expanding RIC.



### NEW RIC STAFF MEMBER

Scott McKearney joined the RIC staff in March as a part-time Technical Information Specialist. Mr. McKearney earned a B.A. in psychology and a B.A. in legal studies from the University of Massachusetts in 1978. Since 1988 he has been a full-time graduate student finishing an M.A. and working on a Ph.D. in sociology at the University of Maryland. He previously worked for eight years in the human resources field in Massachusetts and Maryland.

### RIC GRADUATE INTERN

Shaoyi He joined the RIC staff in May for a three month internship. Mr. He earned a B.A. in English from Hunan Normal University, Changsha, P.R.C., in 1979; an M.A. in English and Linguistics from Langhou University, Langhou,



P.R.C., in 1982, and an M.A. in Linguistics from the University of California, San Diego, in 1989. Mr. He will receive a Master of Library Science degree from Clarion University of Pennsylvania in December 1990. Mr. He would first like to work in either a special or academic library in the U.S. and then teach library science at Beijing Second Foreign Language University, where he previously taught from 1982 to 1986.

**RIC EXHIBITS**

West Virginia Planning Association Institute, Canaan Valley State Park, April 28. RIC Coordinator, Delmar Yoder, organized the exhibit.

National Association of Regional Councils Annual Conference, June 9-13, San Francisco.

**RIC INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION**  
Conference on Enhancing Rural Economics Through Amenity Resources, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, April 28.

Conference on Community Strategies for Tomorrow's Local Infrastructure, Birmingham, AL, May 1-3.

Conference on Building Information Partnerships, Anchorage, AK May 5-9.

International Association of Agriculturist Librarian Documentalists, Budapest, Hungary, May 27-31.

National Rural Health Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, May 15-19.

**FY90 RURAL INFORMATION CENTER ANALYSIS**

- User location
- Rural topics
- Affiliation

**BREAKDOWN OF RURAL REVITALIZATION QUESTIONS**

Economic Viability.....	39%
Quality of Life/Natural Resources.....	39%
Local Government Services.....	12%
Leadership/Community Change.....	10%

**AFFILIATION BREAKDOWN**

State and County Extension Staff.....	38%
Universities.....	12%
Individuals.....	11%
USDA Officials and Libraries (7% each).....	14%
Local Officials, State Officials, Community/Rural/Economic Development Organizations and Special Interest Groups (4% each).....	16%
Federal Officials (non-USDA) and Businesses (3% each).....	6%
Congress, Educational (non-university), and Foreign Officials (1% each) .....	3%

**STATES, TERRITORIES, ETC. SUBMITTING HIGHEST NUMBER OF REQUESTS**

District of Columbia .....	8%
Maryland & Colorado (7% each) .....	14%
Texas.....	5%
Minnesota, Nebraska, North Carolina, Virginia (4% each).....	16%
Florida, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Montana, New Mexico, West Virginia, Wisconsin (3% each) .....	24%
Alaska, California, Georgia, Idaho, Missouri, New York, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Washington, (2% each) ....	18%
All Others (26 states, 1 territory and foreign countries) .....	15%